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The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

*Merciful God, you are the Divine Builder, who calls us to build your Church. Guide us in building our new Catholic Education & Activity Center, so that we can build the Church of the future by passing on the treasure of our faith to future generations. Bless the work of our hands, and keep us strong in faith, hope and love, so that all we do might bring glory and honor to you, forever and ever. AMEN*

August 30, 2018

*Bienvenido el parrochia!*

V. 44 #09

Dear Parent,



**REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!**

**SOMETIMES THE WORLD HAS TO STOP** and we have to pay attention. The Picnic is important, Bible Blessing is important, Pedal the Cause is important, Service-Leadership Day is important, Focus 5 is important, but today we remembered Fr. Chris. Fr. Carl could have a second career as a prop man on the stage. He broke out an orange jumpsuit this morning for the homily to explain Fr. Chris Reuters work with the least amongst us, the imprisoned. Surrounded by children of law enforcement officers who keep us safe, Fr. Carl reminded us that Christ is for everyone, no matter what we have done. This picture is truly inspirational, captured by Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. Cyra Herrmann's reflection was inspirational, reminding us that only God is AWESOME and we all-too-often mis-use the word.(Dr. Pepper is not awesome, really.) This lesson she learned from Fr. Chris is now passed on. Fr. Chris is now AWE-FULL as he delights in the presence of the AWESOME ONE. His last birthday was a joyful time for us!



**30<sup>th</sup> annual LABOR DAY PICNIC --- SEPTEMBER 3** Where would we be if we hadn't rolled up our sleeves and worked together these past years? Would we be less of a parish? (maybe) Less a community? (maybe) Less the Body of Christ? (NO!) But we would be less all the friends we have made, the fellowship we feel, and the sense of purpose that we raised over \$1,736,000.00 together! Sign-up and help! Come and eat and play and tell your friends that something's happening Monday on Main Street! The Body of Christ at a Feast and party!

**FROM OUR CHAIRPERSONS** Hi all - we are in the final stretch! Just one week away but we still have some work to do in order to fill key shifts. Sign up Genius is up to date - please review your area and if you know of anyone who is planning on working in your area, please contact them and get them to sign up! We have had several people come by the tables after mass stating they always work the same shift every year but they were not signed up - if you know of any of those repeat workers, sign them up! Otherwise we will continue to look for people to fill all open shifts online. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4fa8ab2aa6f85-iccparish>  
 Thanks so much for all you are doing to make the picnic a success. And let me know if you have any questions. You can reach me (Kate) directly at 314-698-8782  
 Kate, Georgia, Pat

**FIELD DAY IS TOMORROW!!! THANKS VOLUNTEERS! IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- parent volunteers WELCOME to make the day run well. You can eat lunch with your child.
- Send a re-useable water bottle with your child-WITH THEIR NAME ON IT! We will have water stations to refill the water.
- Put sunscreen on your kids before school.
- As a volunteer you will be in charge or be helping with a game. Make sure you are Child Protection certified!
- Please be at school by 8:40 a.m. if you intend to walk with us to the Legion Park
- If you are coming straight to the Legion-be there by 8:45 a.m.
- permission forms NEED TO BE IN TOMORROW MORNING.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4** Only the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in attendance for Service/Leadership Day. Starts at 8:00 and ends at 12:45. Everyone else should rest up from the Picnic.

**COLUMBIA-MONROE COUNTY FIELD TRIP IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.** Parent chaperons are welcome on this one! Details coming.

**Bible Blessing---“God will be your strength. Listen to his Word and follow Him!”**



**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** Please promote sales! Upper grade prizes:

**PRIZES!!**  
 EARN THANK-YOU PRIZES FOR SELLING ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS!  
 CUMULATIVE PRIZES!  
 THE MORE YOU SELL, THE MORE YOU WIN!

**SELL 1**  
 Pair of Mini Rubbermouth Games  
 So you can play with a friend!

**SELL 2**  
 Creepy Krawlie Augmented Reality Magic Trick  
 PLUS Rubbermouth

**SELL 3**  
 Rainbow Water Bottle  
 PLUS Rubbermouth, Creepy Krawlie

**SELL 10**  
 Retro Desktop Phone Holder  
 PLUS Rubbermouth, Creepy Krawlie, Rainbow Water Bottle

**SELL 20+**  
 Bluetooth Lightbulb  
 PLUS Rubbermouth, Creepy Krawlie, Retro Desktop Phone Holder

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**Sr. Ann Fearday, A.S.C.** visited us Monday and shared her work in the missions in Bolivia. She asked “what is the capitol of Bolivia?” One of our first graders said “B!”. He was right! Some go to the missions by going, some go to the missions by giving. We work hard here on “Mission...Community...Service!” Thanks Sr. Ann for all your work!

### **Young Authors Newsletter Announcement:**

It's that time again! Turn in date for the fall Young Authors contest will be Oct. 1. This will also be the jeans day for students turning in a story. We will again need parent volunteers for judging. Please contact Carrie Stark: [cbraun79@aol.com](mailto:cbraun79@aol.com) if you'd like to be a judge this year.

For judging purposes, please do not write your name on your story, but do include a title. We ask that you attach your name either by a Post-It note or on a separate piece of paper (attached by paper clip or stapled). The chairperson will record the titles and names, and then remove the names from the stories before giving them to the judges. Your story will be identified solely by its title. Give your submission to your teacher (5th -8th grade students please give your manuscript to your English teacher). Winning stories from K-4th will be presented at the Young Authors' assembly, at school, on Thursday, October 25th. The following information may answer any questions you have.

How should my work be packaged? Your submission should include the following: Your name attached only by paper clip or post-it note (names are removed for judging) A title and pages securely fastened by staple or other means. A front cover (it can be as simple as a title page)

What should I write, and how will it be judged? The emphasis of the Young Authors program is on creativity! A parent volunteer will judge your work based on its originality, its organization (does your story have a beginning, middle, and ending?), and on its use of clear, descriptive words. Stories are evaluated based 75% on creativity and 25% on grammar and punctuation. You may also enter a poem. It will be judged based on its creativity, how well it flows, and on the strength and clarity of its message. For upper grades, a poem or collection of poems should have at least 20 lines total. Students in grades 5 through 8 may also enter non-fiction essays including classroom assignments. Judges will be looking for clear, descriptive sentences and well-organized paragraphs. Any submission may be written at home or as part of a classroom assignment. Please do not submit work that has been entered in Young Authors competition in a previous year.

Can my parents help me? Young Authors is designed to encourage you to write, and so the work must be your own. You can try out your ideas on your parents if you like, and they can help you with proofreading grammar, punctuation and spelling. Very young authors may tell their story to a parent while the parent writes it down. The child may then write out the story, or the parent may write it or type it. It is important that the story be “in the child's own words,” which is the state rule for the Young Authors program. Parents should encourage their children to work on their submissions as independently as possible. What if I win? Congratulations! You may win a Young Authors' trophy once each school year. If you win a trophy, be sure to keep entering! Your future submissions are still eligible to win runner-up awards. By entering repeatedly, you are also eligible to receive special awards at the end of the year. Students in grade K-4 receive their Young Authors awards at presentations following each judging. Older students receive theirs at the Awards Night in May. Enter twice, and you receive a Young Authors' pin at the end of the year. All winners from fall and spring are entered into a drawing, and one randomly selected student from each grade will be invited to attend the regional Young Authors' Conference. What are the details on the Young Authors' Conference? Winning in either the fall or the spring makes students eligible for the honor of representing their grade and ICS at the Regional and State Young Authors' Conference. Attendees will be randomly selected – one per grade. Thank you Carrie!

**Show your ICS Pride and check out our ICS Spirit Wear Web Store.** All orders are online, and the deadline is: Friday, Sept. 14th. It will take about 2 weeks after the deadline to receive your items. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jessi Gianino: [jessicawaldron13@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicawaldron13@yahoo.com) The proceeds of this fundraiser go to ICS Parents and Friends. Thanks for supporting ICS! We will also be offering a school theme t-shirt in the near future, so be on the lookout for that as well!  
[ICS Apparel 2018](#)

**FOCUS 5** I do not think I have ever seen our faculty so excited and worn out as Jamin Carter from Focus 5 coached us the past two days. I think we are going to have an exponential benefit from all being on the same page, using the same terminology, and being one team of learners---both students and teachers. This international program often has you waiting for months/years for a presentation. God sent us a 2 day opening this week! Ask your children about strong and weak choices, of focusing, of cooperating, of working as a group, fulfilling expectations. You will be amazed too!

**Benefits:**  
**Enables “reflective brain” vs. “reactive brain”**  
**Kinesthetic review---tools, elements, rules/expectations**  
**Establishes a vocabulary for self-regulation/control**  
**Behavior assessment**  
**Provides a clear, unifying transition**  
**Balances the energy of the group**  
**Provides a framework for reflection**  
**Addresses bodily/kinesthetic and intrapersonal intelligence**

**BUILDERS CLUB** Induction Committee will be around to Grades 7-8. Induction next Wednesday at 12:50.

### **GRADS IN THE NEWS...**



**Logan Kesler and Lauren Schmidt** received their white pharmacy coats with their return to school at Butler University in Indianapolis. We are proud of you!

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS** On Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> join us for the first Parents and Friends meeting of the school year, 7pm at Reifschneider's Grill and Grape. Light appetizers will be provided and we will make plans to pull off another great year!

**SCHOOL SAFETY DROP-OFFS** Worst is Metter Ave.---leave for the buses. Second worst is Liberty. Best main lot of church with st. Francis the crossing guard..

**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY** Everyone starts with the initial training and there is the annual refresher course. This year's course is on boundaries and it serves to remind us of professional relationships and responsibilities. **Go to the ICS website, choose parents and click refresher course.** You can take the test till you pass.

**Fall School Pictures Sept. 7, 2018** [An Order form attached last week.](#)

**Volunteers needed** to help on school picture day. Free picture package for volunteers. Please contact Pam Keeven at 314-773-3587 or [pam@martykeeven.com](mailto:pam@martykeeven.com)

**THE SPORTING NEWS.. ICS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM** Mrs. Susan Dalpoas has our team off and running. At the meet at SIUE Saturday, 5 girls attended with 36 middle schools there! Running is a lifetime sport! The course was a **TOUGH 1.8 Miles!!!** Results  
Brianna Baldrige 18:41    Ava Hake 19:10    Hailey Wilkerson 22:33    Mariska Lyle 24:25  
Cheyenne May 24:30

### **ICS Soccer**

Also, any cancellations due to heat index or rain are made at the host school's discretion. All attempts will be made to have the decision made prior to school dismissal to help with communication. A one-way text service has been set up to let parents know of any last minute issues. If you would like to be added to this, [click here](#).

The post-season Diocesan tournament for upper-grade teams will begin Sept 24th with the plan to finish during the week and not go into the Sept 29th weekend. 5th/6th Grade games will be played at O'Fallon Sports Complex, 7th/8th Grade games will be played at Althoff High School. St. Clare is the host school for the tournament. As always, feel free to contact the ICS Soccer Coordinator, Brian Boyd, at [bmboyd02@yahoo.com](mailto:bmboyd02@yahoo.com)

**ICS/JOE HOGUET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY** Only 8 openings left! Wow! Already a success!

See these attachments from last week: [CHS Jr. Eagles Cheer Camp](#)  
[Kiwanis Fall Fishing Derby 2018](#)  
[Girl Scouts 2018 Flyer](#)

**Pedal the Cause** Today we honored Aidan Howard-Maull who is spearheading our Pedal the Cause ride again this year. Aidan is a bona fide hero who rides so others won't have to go through all the pain and agony he did. He is 3 years cancer free! We had 5 riders from our students last year and this year's goal is 20. 100% of your donation gets there. More info next week. Colleen got us fired up for sure! You can also donate through November in memory of Dan Whelan.

### **CHILDREN GRADES 3-8 ARE INVITED TO SING IN THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR.**

Choir practice will be **most** Wednesdays from 3:05-4:00. I will let you know via email and school newsletters if choir will be cancelled. The first rehearsal will be September 19<sup>th</sup>. In choir we focus on practicing music for all-school liturgies and for a once-a-month Sunday liturgy.

Dates: **Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00    Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00    Christmas Eve 5:00    9:00 a.m. liturgy on Easter**  
*Even if your child cannot attend mass that weekend, they may still attend choir practice.* I look forward to singing with your child! Please email the following information prior to the first practice to me at [karenlundy@gmail.com](mailto:karenlundy@gmail.com) :    Thank you!    Karen Lundy    618-719-1815

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (email) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Anyone else who may be giving your child a ride: name: \_\_\_\_\_

(phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (email) \_\_\_\_\_

**Gibault Catholic High School** Comparing high schools? Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7th or 8th grade student excited about high school! Make sure to schedule your student's date to shadow a Gibault student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaulthawks.com)). Also, you can follow the Gibault story by checking us out on Facebook, Twitter, (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (gibaultproud).

**OWEN JORDAN** is close to coming home! Keep up the prayers please for baby Owen! God gave us the ability to do great things through science and medicine and working and praying together.

**DANIELLE'S BATTLE** Constance Barnett's mother was diagnosed with Primary Progressive MS in May of this year. Dinner, dancing, and a silent auction will be held at the Oakville Elks Lodge, 2726 Oakville Elks Lane, St. Louis, MO 63129 on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door by contacting Teresa Dorshorst at 314-303-5353 or [Tdorshorst79@gmail.com](mailto:Tdorshorst79@gmail.com). Silent auction items are appreciated. Please join us in supporting Constance's Mom Danielle! Thank you, Teresa Dorshorst 314-303-5352

**We are going to re-do our prayer list by request.** Please update this list by contacting Mrs. Epplin if you want to be left ON. We have great blessings from our list. When you see a prayer list like this, lay your hand on them or on the parish bulletin and pray for all them at once!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Danielle Dorlac, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Pearl Mueller, Richard Prater, Dylan Walsh, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Donna Kania

#### **BUILDING OUR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER PRAYER**

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**MOSES IS HUMANITY.** Abandoned at birth and dropped in the river. Saved into a privileged family. Still didn't get it but he was a noticer that there was no propane tank under the burning bush. Had a speech impediment. Killed someone and had to go into hiding. Got lost for 40 years. Doubted and did not make it alive into the Promised Land. Sound familiar? Much of this is me. God brings greatness from so many of life's losers. If anything, let's be less judgmental and interpret the human situation through the eyes of Scripture. Love is the greatest Commandment! See you around the Altar!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

Mr. Armor sang this song for Fr. Chris's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and at his funeral. They had worked together at Hales Franciscan High School in Chicago. I sang it for Dan Whelan's funeral and Fr. Chris today---great lyrics and melody. Thanks Mrs. Brutton for playing!

1 Everyday they pass me by, I can see it in their eyes.  
Empty people filled with care, Headed who knows where?

2 On they go through private pain Living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides their silent cries, Only Jesus hears.

People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.  
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
When will we realize, <people need the Lord? <That we must give our  
Lives (End) For peo-ple need the Lord. People need the Lord.

3 We are called to take His light To a world where wrong seems right.  
What could be too great a cost For sharing Life with one who's lost?

4 Through His love our hearts can feel All the grief they bear.  
They must hear the Words of Life Only we can share.

### **Project IRENE: World Day of Prayer for Creation September 1**

Creator of all, you are present in the whole universe, in the smallest and largest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your loving concern, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as sisters and brothers, harming no one.

Creator of All, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten, living in crushing economic poverty.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.

May we touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the economically poor and  
of Earth.

May we learn to discover the worth of each creation, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to  
recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey together in your presence.

May our lifestyles reflect our concern for all of creation, now and into the future.

Thank you, Creator of all, for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for  
justice, love and peace.

--On Care for Our Common Home, adapted. Pope Francis